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CHARLES EDWARD LEPP

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. CR 04-317 MHP

Plaintiff,

v.

REV. CHARLES EDWARD LEPP, et al.

DECLARATION OF REV. LEPP IN  
SUPPORT OF MOTION TO MODIFY  
TERMS OF PRE-TRIAL RELEASE  
TO ALLOW USE OF SACRAMENT  
PURSUANT TO THE RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT

Defendants.

I, REV. CHARLES EDWARD LEPP, hereby declare:

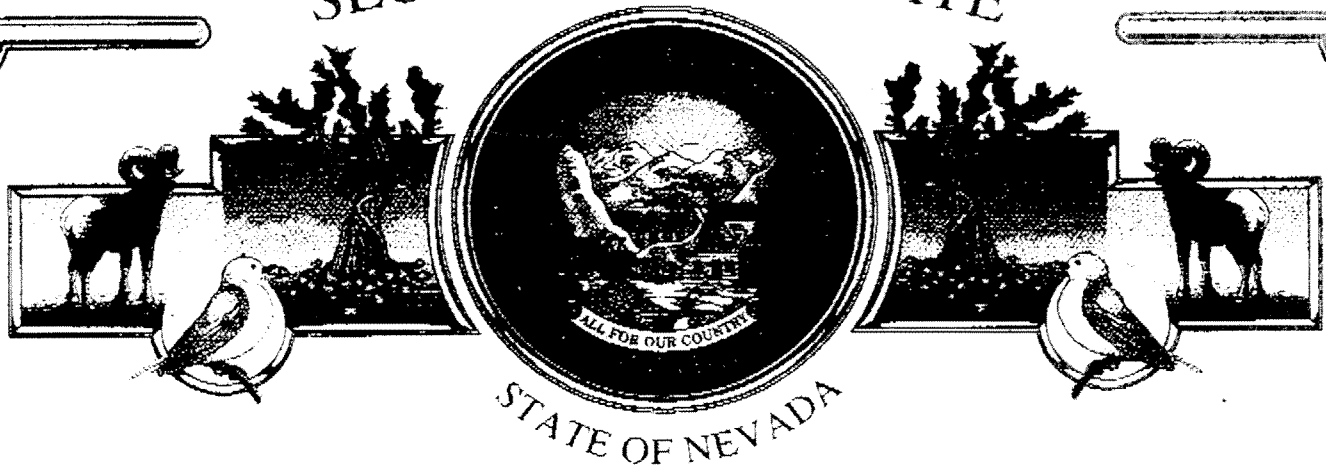
1. I am the defendant in the en-captioned matter.
2. I am a practicing Rastafarian and am sincere in my religious beliefs.
3. I am a reverend and the founder and minister of Eddy's Medicinal Cardons and Multi-Denominational Ministry of Cannabis and Rastafari Ministry located in Lake County, California. I am a minister of the Rastafarian Faith. I have been a Rastafarian/Christian since 2000.

4. On or about May 10, 2004, Eddy's Medicinal Gardens and Multi-Denominational Ministry of Cannabis and Rastafari filed its corporate charter with the State of Nevada. See Exhibit A, Corporate Charter attached to motion.
5. In November 2000, I also obtained an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree and Doctor of Metaphysics Degree from the Universal Life Church. As of October 27, 2000, I have been ordained all the rights and privileges to perform all duties of the Ministry by the Universal Life Church recognized by the State of California. In August 2001, the Universal Life Church also conferred upon me the Degree of Doctor of Religious Humanities. See Exhibit B, Universal Life Church certificates attached to motion.
6. As a religious sacrament, I use ganja or marijuana in the practice of my religion. The sacramental use of ganja in ceremonies is used to bring me and my ministry closer to the divinity and to enhance unity among believers.  
  
Marijuana - known as ganja in the language of the religion - operates as a sacrament with the power to raise the partakers above the mundane and to enhance their spiritual unity. The use of this sacrament is essential, necessary and a central component for the exercise and practice of my faith.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on May 15, 2005, in Lakeview, California.

*Rev Charles Edward Lepp*  
REV. CHARLES EDWARD LEPP

## SECRETARY OF STATE



## CORPORATE CHARTER

I, DEAN HELLER, the duly elected and qualified Nevada Secretary of State, do hereby certify that **EDDY'S MEDICINAL GARDENS AND MINISTRY OF CANNABIS AND RASTAFARI** did on **May 10, 2004** file in this office the original Articles of Incorporation; that said Articles are now on file and of record in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, and further, that said Articles contain all the provisions required by the law of said State of Nevada.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed the Great Seal of State, at my office, in Carson  
City, Nevada, on **May 10, 2004**.

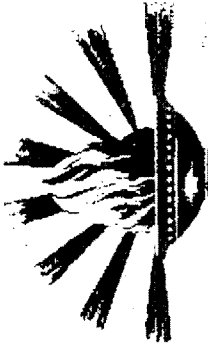


DEAN HELLER  
Secretary of State

By

Certification Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**



# Universal Life Church

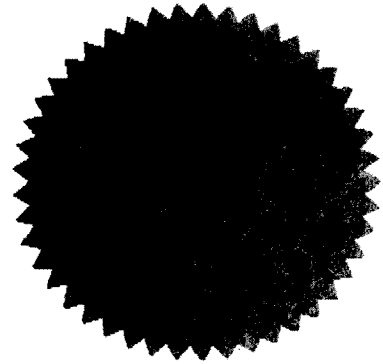
501 - 3rd Street, Modesto, California

This is to certify that Charles E. Lepp has been  
 awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree this day November 2nd  
 2000 by Universal Life Church, for meritorious recognition  
 upon completion of a course of instruction in the principles of the  
 Universal Life Church.

Doctor of Divinity

*Kathy G. Hensley*  
 Kathy G. Hensley, Founder  
 President 1959-1999

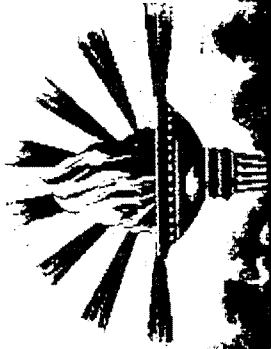
*Lida G. Hensley*  
 Lida G. Hensley, D.D., President



EXHIBIT

B





# Universal Life Church

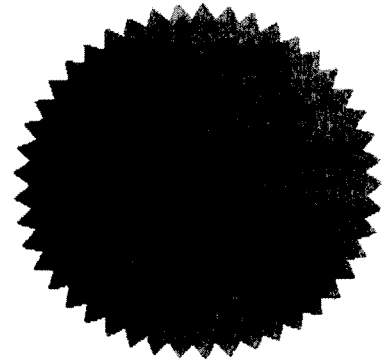
UNIVERSAL LIFE CHURCH, 401 3RD ST., MODESTO, CALIF. 95351

This is to certify that **Charles E. Lepp** has been  
awarded a Doctor of Metaphysics Degree this  
day **November 2, 2000** by

*Universal Life Church for meritorious recognition upon  
completion of a course of instruction in the principles of the*

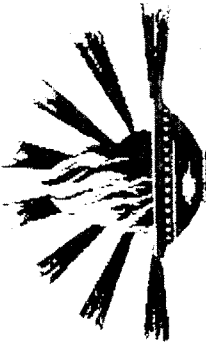
*Universal Life Church*

## DOCTOR OF METAPHYSICS



*Kathy G. Hensley*  
Kathy G. Hensley, Founder  
President 1959-1999

*Linda G. Hensley*  
Linda G. Hensley, D.D., President



# Universal Life Church

Headquarters: 601 - 3rd Street, Modesto, California

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Charles E. Lepp

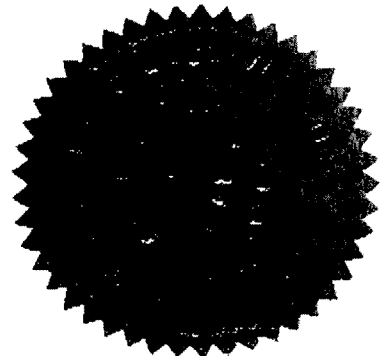
The Degree

## Doctor of Religious Humanities

with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

In witness thereof this diploma is awarded by the regents upon the recommendation of the faculty.

signed and sealed on the 28th day of August, 2001



*Kirby Hensley*  
Kirby Hensley, Founder  
President 1959-1999

*Lida G. Hensley*  
Lida G. Hensley, D.D., President

*Janice Kirkland*  
Faculty Member





# Universal Life Church

40130 ST. MODESTO, CALIF. 95351

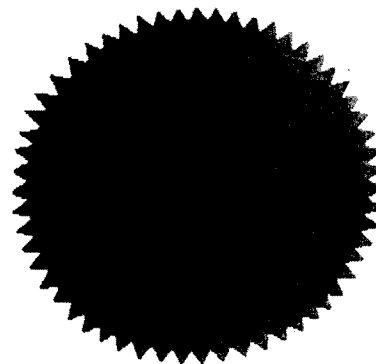
*This is to certify that the bearer hereof*

Charles E. Lepp

*has been ordained this day* October 27, 2000

*and has all rights and privileges to perform all duties of the Ministry.*

## CREDENTIALS OF MINISTRY



*Kidney Hensley*  
Kidney Hensley, Founder  
President 1959-1999

*Lida G. Hensley*  
Lida G. Hensley, D.D., President